The Collector has, however, said that the prospects are not encouraging. The Collector and the Famine Commissioner are closely watching the situation and the needful will be done."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఇప్పుడు మంత్రిగారు చదివిన రిపోర్టుబట్టి విశాఖజిల్లాలో పంటలు ఎంతమాత్రం తృప్తికరంగాలేనట్లు విశదమౌతున్నది కనుక మంత్రిగారు ఆ ప్రాంతాన్ని కరువుప్రాంతంగా అంగీకరిస్తారా, అంగీకరించినట్లయితే దానిని ఆ విధంగా declare చేసి కరువు పనులు ఎందువల్ల ప్రారంభంచేయడంలేదు ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am awaiting the latest report."

Sri C. V. K. RAO :—" Does a distressed are cease to be a famine area if the Hon. Minister fancies the other way? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister does not fancy."

Keelanilai-Puduputty dispensary, Pudukkottai Division.

2-20 p.m. * 261 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Keelanilai-Puduputty dispensary in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, is functioning at present;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there has been no medical officer for some months in the dispensary; and

(*c*) if so, for how many months and why?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) to (*c*) Due to acute shortage of personnel in the cadre of Assistant Surgeons, the post of Assistant Surgeon at Government Dispensary, Keelanilai, has been vacant from 1st July 1952. An Assistant Surgeon of the Town General Hospital, Pudukottai, has been temporarily deputed to work in the dispensary on the afternoons of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays since 20th September 1952. A Medical Officer will be posted to the dispensary as soon as possible."

Allegations against a purchasing inspector of Kottayam taluk.

* 262 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the purchasing inspector in charge of Anjerakkandi amsam and suburbs in Kottayam taluk, Malabar district, has taken away the ration cards of many peasants, landless peasants and poor people, and if so, why?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."